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EO 11652: GDS

TGS: AORG (ICRC), MOPS, PFOR, GVN, VS

SUBJ: ICRC VISIT TO NORTH VIETNAM

1. ICRC DIRECTOR OPERATIONS HOCKE INFORMED MISSOFF JUNE 25  
THAT COMMITTEE'S DELEGATE GENERAL FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA OTT  
RECENTLY RETURNED FROM HIS TRAVELS IN SEA WHICH INCLUDED SEVEN  
DAY VISIT TO NORTH VIETNEM.

2. HOCKE REPORTED THAT OTT WAS GIVEN CORDIAL RECEPTION IN HANOI  
WHERE HE HELD TALKS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF DRVN, NVN RED  
CROSS AND PRG ON ICRC'S FULL RANGE OF INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING MIA'S AND TRACING SERVICES.

3. HOCKE REPORTED THAT OTT FOUND CHANGE OF ATTITUDE IN NVN  
AND A WILLINGNESS ON PART OF NVN OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS MATTERS  
IN OPEN AND POSITIVE MANNER. THEY EXPRESSED WISH TO FORGET  
THE PAST AND ESTABLISH NEW USEFUL RELATIONS.

4. ACCORDING HOCKE, THIS INITIAL VISIT SERVED PURPOSE OF  
"BREAKING THE ICE". ICRC INTENDS SEND SECOND MISSION TO HANOI  
IN EARLY AUTUMN IN ATTEMPT TO TAKE MATTERS FURTHER EXPECIALLY  
RESPECT MIA'S AND TRACING SERVICES. CONNECTION LATTER  
NVN INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PERMIT ICRC TO  
SERVE AS CHANNEL FOR EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN SPLIT  
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